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Dear Sir/Madam,

Boundary Commission Consultation

We the Brentwood Conservative Group of Councillors provide this letter as a final representation to the consultation on the proposed proposals for the Brentwood area.

Our feedback which is based on your published proposals is listed below :

1. Agreement re: Three Member Wards

We agree with the thirteen three member wards and believe that the proposed wards retain as far as possible community identities in respect to parish boundaries and logical identifiable areas whilst delivering electoral equality between wards.

Agreed.

2. Ingatestone, Fryerning & Mountnessing

We fully support the continuity given by retaining the current ward boundaries and maintaining the close connection between the two villages/parishes of Mountnessing and Ingatestone & Fryerning.

Agreed.

3. Shenfield & Pilgrims Hatch

We fully support the continuity given by retaining the current ward boundaries.

Agreed.

4. Hutton East, Hutton North and Hutton South

We support the proposed ward boundaries. We strongly support retaining the rural community of Haverings Grove within the Hutton East ward.

We do however believe that the name for Hutton South ward will have little relevance to residents on the Three Arches and East Ham Estates and we would urge serious consideration be given to a more balanced name such as “Hutton South and Thriftwood” (or similar).

Agreed – but we would prefer a name change.

5. Brentwood South, Brentwood West and Brentwood North

We support the proposed ward boundaries. We strongly support the proposal to include both sides of the Brentwood High Street in a single ward. We believe that will improve democratic accountability by assigning three ward members for this important part of our Borough.

We believe geographical names are appropriate to be retained for these wards.

Agreed.

6. Warley

We welcome the fact that Clements Park and The Galleries are to be included in a single ward as this is a clearly recognisable community and this will lead to more effective local government by providing clearer representation.

As Little Warley, Great Warley and Childerditch are to fall within the proposed Herongate, Ingrave and West Horndon ward we feel that the name for this ward needs to be changed. We believe that a name such as “Warley Woods” or “Warley North” (or similar) might be preferable to reflect the part of Warley that is in scope.

Agreed – but we would prefer a name change.

7. Herongate, Ingrave & West Horndon

We believe that a single ward representing the communities living to the south of the Borough is to be broadly welcomed given the objectives of the boundary commission to achieve equality for electors. Given that Little Warley, Great Warley and Childerditch are all part of the proposed new ward we feel that the existing name is inappropriate.

If the list of villages with Warley included in some form would be too long then perhaps an alternative such as “Brentwood Rural South” (or similar) may be appropriate.

Agreed – but we would prefer a name change.

8. Blackmore & Doddinghurst

We believe that this is a good pairing of parishes with shared community assets (e.g. shops, churches and community groups) and we support your proposal.

Agreed.

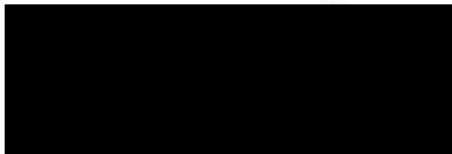
9. Brizes & South Weald

We support the proposed new ward and believe that there is a commonality of interest with these predominantly rural communities.

We would ideally like Stondon Massey to be included in the proposed name if possible. Navestock and Kelvedon Hatch is essentially covered by reference to Brizes but we do not feel that "Stondon Massey, Brizes and South Weald" is not too long. If this is not possible then perhaps a name such as "Brentwood Rural North" (or similar) may be appropriate - similar to our point #7.

Agreed – but we would prefer a name change.

Yours sincerely,



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